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PUSH IT - '51 GARDEN PROGRAM

Promoting maximum family food production and conservation with families has taken on greater significance with Secretary Brannan's appointment of a home gardening and home food preservation committee composed of high officials of the Department. Of great importance now is to see that every FHA family has the information necessary to carry out a good garden program.

TO GUARANTEE GARDEN SUCCESS --

- o Prepare a garden plan, then follow it.
- o Provide windbreak with row crops or some similar method.
- o Use only adapted varieties of vegetables and when available certified seed of disease-resistant strains.
- o Use thrifty, disease-free, well grown plants. Arrange for local production of cabbage and tomato plants for early plantings.
- o Provide an even supply of vegetables by succession plantings.
- o Buy insect spray and dust materials early, apply at right times but don't waste them.

IT ADDS INTEREST TO TRY SOMETHING NEW --

Have families been notified of new varieties not listed in "Vegetable Varieties for Kansas" - Circular 194, such as "Top Crop Beans"? "Sioux Strawberry"? and "Ucon Squash"? Many families are interested in planting broccoli. Since it is considered a good crop for Kansas, two recommended varieties of broccoli are "Italian Green Sprouting" and "DeCicco". Broccoli is planted same season as cabbage and the same insects that bother cabbage bother broccoli.

BRING VEGETABLES TO THE TABLE -- NOT WORMS

Quoting W. G. Amstein, Extension Horticulturist, "Some people would rather chase a worm on the table than in the garden" -- be prepared to chase him in the garden. Buy good insecticides and have them ready to use when first green spear shows. Rotenone is a good all-around insecticide if used in proper strength. Reference: "Garden Pest Control in Kansas" Kansas Extension Leaflet and "A Vegetable Gardener's Handbook on Insects and Disease" - Misc. Publication No. 605-USDA

HOW LARGE SHOULD THE GARDEN BE?

In Family Living Bulletin No. 13 issued January, 1951, we failed to mention size of garden. A 50'x50' garden is large enough to plant the proposed seeds and plants as outlined for a four-member family with the exception of strawberries and potatoes. The space 50'x50' is adequate providing the plot is well fertilized, a continuous planting program is followed, a good windbreak provided and the garden can be irrigated.

